Practitioner's Docket No. 6350-2-1-CON

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John L. Baker

Application No.: 10/038,108 Filed: October 19, 2001 For: Improved Ramie Group No.: 1638 Examiner: Kruse, D.

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Director, Group 1638

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I. an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the inventor is:

John L. Baker P.O. Box 1037 Naples, FL 34102

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

(When using Express Mail, the Express Mail label number is mandatory; Express Mail certification is optional.)

Thereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

(type or print name of person certifying)

^{*} Only the date of filing () 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under > 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See > 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" () 1.10) or facsimile transmission () 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c) Client has refused to pay his invoices

Explanation (including brief description of exhibits, if any):

Based upon the client's nonresponsiveness and nonpayment for services.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

- 4. Status of this Application
 - A. Response due
- (i) There is an outstanding term for response that is set to expire on April 27, 2003. The above term is extendible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), until July 27, 2003 and the fees for such extension is not being submitted herewith.
 - B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response, including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), is July 27, 2003.

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONER

7. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing).

Signature of withdrawing practitioner

Scott M. Oldham Reg. No.: 32,712

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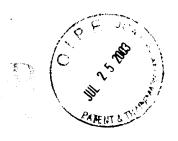
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July 23, 2003

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RE: Withdrawal as Attorney of Record

Our File: 6350-2-1-CON

Dear Mr. Baker:

After repeated attempts to obtain the balance of your outstanding account and as discussed with you, we must withdraw as the Attorney of Record with regard to U.S. Patent Application 10/038,108. A copy of the Request to the Patent Office is enclosed with this letter.

Also enclosed is an Office Action received from the Patent Office, for which the initial period for response is until April 27, 2003, and a final date for response of July 27, 2003. Failure to respond to the office Action will result in abandonment of the application.

The files relating to this patent remain in our custody and will be released upon satisfaction of the outstanding balance with our firm.

We regret having to take this action, but wish you well in the future.

Sincerely,

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